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NEW YORK QUOTATIONS.

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# French Spring Surprise By Capture of Nearly All of Douaumont Fort

## FURIOUS COUNTER-ATTACKS MADE BY GERMANS AGAINST NIVELLE'S ARMY

**Berlin Disputes Paris Report of Recapture of Fort Douaumont—Austro-Hungarians Continue to Gain Ground in Southern Tyrol—British Premier Asks Second Vote of Credit in Fiscal Year Amounting to Three Hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling.**

The dramatic surprise sprung by the French yesterday in penetrating Fort Douaumont has been followed up by General Nivelle's forces. The Germans have now been driven from all but a small angle in a corner of the fort, Paris claims.

Furious counter-attacks have been made by the Germans but their only success, according to Paris, was the recapture of a position north of the Thiaumont farm.

On the other side of the Meuse gas and flame attacks by the Germans near Hill 304, failed according to the French statement.

The latest official bulletins on the fighting along the Austro-Italian front indicate that the Austrians are continuing to gain ground in their drive in the southern Tyrol.

The French claim to the possession of the greater part of Fort Douaumont is disputed by Berlin which declares that the fort is still firmly in German hands.

Premier Asquith in the British house of commons moved the second vote of credit of the financial year, asking 300,000,000 pounds.

Paris, May 23, 12:15 p. m.—Fighting continued with extreme violence on both banks of the Meuse along the Verdun front during the whole night. Two German counter-attacks on French positions on Hill 304 failed completely, the war office announced this afternoon.

The French made further gains with in Fort Douaumont. The German now hold only a small angle on the northeastern corner of the fort.

The battle around Hill 304 was especially severe. In attacking French positions on the west side of the hill the Germans used liquid gas, the official statement says and penetrated one of the French trenches, but were dislodged at once. On the east side of the hill the Germans attacked after intense artillery preparation but were not permitted to reach the French lines.

The principal fighting east of the Meuse was in the sector between Thiaumont and Douaumont. The Germans attacked in mass formation and are said to have suffered enormous losses. They succeeded in re-occupying one of the trenches north of Thiaumont farm which had been captured by the French.

**Battle Extremely Violent.**

The text of the statement says: "In the region of Verdun the battle continued with extreme violence all last night on both banks of the Meuse. On the left bank furious counter-attacks against all our positions at Hill 304 resulted in complete failure. The enemy employed machines to throw flaming liquids. This permitted them to penetrate one of our trenches, but a brilliant counter-movement compelled them immediately to evacuate."

"East of the hill, in spite of an intense preparatory artillery fire, the attack was broken by side fire and they could not reach our lines."

**Germans Suffer Enormous Losses.**

"On the right bank of the river in the sector of Thiaumont and Douaumont the battle has been continued with ferocity. The enemy during the night increased the number of their attacks in massed formation and they suffered enormous losses. They were successful, however, in occupying a trench which had been taken by us north of the Thiaumont farm. Everywhere else we held our positions."

"Inside of Fort Douaumont we have continued to force back the enemy and, in spite of a spirited resistance, the Germans today hold only the northeast corner of the fort."

"On the heights of the Meuse a surprise attack delivered by us in the Chevalier wood, was in all respects successful."

**Austrians Driving Italians.**

Berlin, May 23, by Wireless to Sayville.—The Austrians are successfully continuing their offensive against the Italians in the southern Tyrol, according to the war office announcement today. They have advanced on both sides of the Sugana valley, driving the Italians before them.

The war office report received here today from Vienna says:

**Germans Claim Douaumont.**

Berlin, May 23, by Wireless to Sayville.—Announcement was made by the war office today that in the fighting north of Verdun the French have taken some first line positions of the Germans, but that Fort Douaumont remains firmly in German hands.

The statement given out by army headquarters today says:

"Western front: Preparations by the British to make a counter-attack southwest of Givenchy-En-Gohelle were observed. Small advances by the British in Rockincourt district were repulsed."

"In the Meuse district (Verdun front) the fighting was especially heavy on account of the enemy's counter-attacks. West of the river the Germans captured a French block-house south of Camard forest. Hostile attacks east of hill 304 and on the southern slope of Dead Man's hill resulted in failure."

**Violent Infantry Engagement.**

"East of the Meuse there were violent infantry engagements on the front south of Thiaumont farm as far as the Caillotte wood. The French after a strong artillery preparation entered the foremost German position but were repulsed on the flanks of the sector by German counter-attacks."

South of the village and south of the former fort of Douaumont the engagement is not yet finished. Fort Douaumont remained firmly in German hands."

"Northwest of Fort Vaux was recaptured a sap which had been occupied temporarily by the enemy."

**French Lines Destroyed.**

"The first and second lines of the French on Combes height were destroyed by our mines over a considerable distance."

"On the heights of the Meuse southeast of Verdun near Vaux les Palmeux and Seucey the enemy's attacks for the most part broke down before our curtain of fire. Small detachments which entered our trenches were annihilated."

"An enemy aeroplane was shot down southwest of Vailly."

**Casualty Lists in Arrears.**

British Headquarters in France, May 23, via London, 1:27 p. m.—Confirmation of reports that the German casualty list is so far in arrears that their total as issued from time to time is in no wise representative, is declared now to have been supplied."

It is now known that the names of Germans taken prisoner and left dead in the trenches at the battle of Loos in September last have only just been published as among the German missing."

**FRENCH REGAIN FORT DOUAUMONT**

**Press and Public Greatly Elated Over Victory After Three Months Fighting.**

**GEN. NIVELLE'S STROKE**

**Assembles Great Amount of Artillery and Carefully Trained Infantry for Attack on Germans.**

Paris, May 23, 5:45 a. m.—Recapture by the French, after three months, of the greater part of Fort Douaumont, which was taken by the Germans at the outset of the Verdun drive, is received with great elation by the press and public. It is expected to have on neutral opinion. General Nivelle, the French commander at Verdun, took advantage of the fact that the Germans recently have been concentrating all their attention on Dead Man's hill on the other side of the river and assembled a large amount of artillery for the attack on the Douaumont sector.

On Sunday General Nivelle began a heavy artillery attack on Fort Douaumont and adjacent positions. The hour fixed for the infantry assault was 4:30 p. m. yesterday. When the moment came French infantry which had been carefully selected and trained began the advance slinging the "Marshall's."

**German Resistance Stubborn.**

The German resistance at some points was stubborn. On the Froide Terre road and at Douaumont the French had to force back the German infantry inch by inch at the point of the bayonet. The leading French companies reached Fort Douaumont at

## IRISH COUNTESS IMPRISONED FOR LIFE ON TREASON CHARGE WAS FRIEND OF POOR



Countess Markievicz preparing food for Dublin poor.

Countess Markievicz, who was born in Ireland but married a Polish nobleman, was one of the most prominent figures of the short lived Irish rebellion. She is now serving a term of life imprisonment on a charge of treason. She was known in Dublin as a friend of the poor.

5 o'clock. They killed the Germans who resisted and sent to the rear a large number of prisoners.

As soon as they recovered from their surprise, the Germans launched a number of fierce counter-attacks but all failed and by 10 p. m. preparations had been completed to deal with the serious efforts the Germans are expected to make to capture the lost positions.

The French success is considered by military critics here to have shaken the whole German line at Verdun. Douaumont fort was the most important point captured by the Germans and the French gain there is regarded as having nullified the most significant achievement of the Germans in the great battle of three months.

West of the Meuse Hill 295, the western summit of Dead Man's hill, has become no-man's land, like Hartman's Wellerkopf. Once before the French abandoned it temporarily to avoid useless loss re-occupying it when the opportunity came.

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**ENORMOUS WAR LOAN OF GREAT BRITAIN**

London, May 23, 3:46 p. m.—In moving the vote of credit for 300,000,000 pounds as had been forecast, in the house of commons today, Premier Asquith commented that this was the eleventh vote since the beginning of the war and the second for the current financial year. The total granted this year, he added, was therefore 600,000,000 pounds, making a grand total of 2,382,000,000 pounds.

**JAMES J. HILL RECOVERING.**

St. Paul, Minn., May 23.—James J. Hill is reported to be recovering slowly from an illness which has kept him at his home several days. Business associates expect him to be at his office this week.

## DEMOCRATS PLAN 1916 PLATFORM

**Issues on Which Administration Plans to Conduct Campaign Being Put Into Words.**

**PEACE AND PROSPERITY**

**Legislative Record of Wilson Regime—Monroe Doctrine to Strongly Reiterated.**

Washington, May 23.—Work on putting into words the issues on which the administration plans to conduct the presidential campaign has been started in earnest. Former Governor Glynn of New York who as temporary chairman of the St. Louis convention will deliver the keynote address, has tentatively prepared his speech, and it will be submitted soon to President Wilson. The general outlines of the Democratic platform have also been agreed upon.

It is understood the platform will follow the general lines of that adopted by the Missouri Democrats, although several planks will be added. The Missouri platform was submitted to administration leaders before its adoption.

Peace and prosperity will be the main features of the platform and also of Mr. Glynn's address. The legislative record of the Wilson administration, particularly the currency bill and claims that the administration has been of assistance to business and labor, will also be included. The Monroe doctrine, as explained by the president in addresses, will be reiterated and stress laid on efforts of the government to foster trade and good relations with South and Central America.

## METHODIST BOOK CONCERN DEBATE

**Minority Requests Conference to Combine Seven Papers Into Four—Heavy Loss Reported.**

**NEGRO BISHOP ELECTED**

**Resolution Endorsing Woman Suffrage Adopted Amid Applause—Only Six Delegates Opposed.**

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 23.—A protracted debate over the management of the Methodist book concern was expected at today's session of the general conference, following the submission of a committee report recommending the continuance of all the periodicals now published under church auspices.

The minority requested the conference to adopt a plan for combining seven of these papers into four, to be published at New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Portland, Ore. A loss of nearly \$380,000 was incurred during the last year, according to figures offered to the conference. Opponents to a change assert this was due largely to the system of bookkeeping.

Rev. Alexander P. Campbell of Birmingham, Ala., was elected negro missionary bishop for Liberia, Africa, on the second ballot by virtually an unanimous vote. He is president of central Alabama college at Birmingham.

**Crown Prince's Army Going Ahead.**

Both wings of the crown prince's army also have been going steadily ahead. The right, or west, wing has been going forward from the northern slope of the Col Santo ridge. It stormed Col Santo itself and already is proceeding against Monte Pasubio.

The left wing stormed Saso Alto, the commanding hill of the Armentara ridge, thus depriving the Italians of their last supporting positions on this ridge and enabling the Austro-Hungarians to advance into the Sugana valley and take Roncogno.

The guns already captured include fifteen 28-centimeter Howitzers.

**Battling Against Disadvantages.**

The Austro-Hungarians are battling against many disadvantages in the rough Alpine territory against strong fortified positions. The correspondents here declare that the artillery of the Austro-Hungarians has exhibited a marked superiority over that of the Italians.

Aviators have contributed greatly to the result of the battles by a successful bombing of Italian railways and other communications of the Italians.

The territory where the fighting is now proceeding was voluntarily left in the hands of the Italians at the beginning of the war, army officers say, because the frontier was unfavorable geographically for defense and the Italians were strongly entrenched.

and overture announced it had come to no definite conclusion.

The committee was in secret session all night.

Opposition to the plan to merge the boards of education and college developed when the executive commission submitted its recommendation for the consolidation. The debate was continued at the afternoon session.

**Federal Prohibition Endorsed.**

Birmingham, Ala., May 23.—A constitutional amendment for federal prohibition was endorsed by the Cumberland Presbyterian church at its eighty-sixth general assembly here today.

**COMBINATION RATES ARE UNREASONABLE**

Washington, May 23.—Combination rates on lumber from points in eastern Oregon on the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company to Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska were found today by the interstate commerce commission to be unreasonable and prejudicial. The railroads were given until September 1 to establish lower rates.

## INDICTMENTS FOR WIRE TAPPING

**City Commissioner of Charities and Special Counsel Named in Grand Jury Findings.**

New York, May 23.—The first indictments resulting from the tapping of telephone wires in this city were returned by the Kings county grand jury today. John A. Kingsbury, city commissioner of charities, and William H. Hotchkiss, special counsel for the charities department were the men named in the indictments. Each appeared in county court in Brooklyn and gave \$1000 bail.

Mr. Hotchkiss formerly was state superintendent of insurance. He acted as counsel for Mr. Kingsbury who was one of the central figures in the recent state investigation of the management of charitable institutions receiving city funds.

**OWNERS OF SHIP FEAR DISASTER**

**Believe Spanish Vessel, Long Overdue, Has Fallen Victim to Submarine Attack.**

Madrid, via Paris, May 23, 3:15 a. m.—The owners of the steamer Marques de Nudela, which left Newport, Wales, for Bilbao, on May 1, believe the ship has fallen a victim to a submarine as nothing has been heard from her since she sailed from the Welsh port.

According to deputies from Bilbao, the frequent attacks against Spanish ships by German submarines are greatly agitating ship owners on the Cantabrian coast. It is reported that these deputies have asked the government to take action similar to that of the United States and demand that Germany respect neutral flags. It is said that the ship owners have decided that unless suitable guarantees are obtained they keep their vessels in port.

**TRAIN WRECKERS SHOT TO DEATH**

**Colonel Louis Morin and Victoriano Ponce Killed by Texas Rangers in Attempting Escape.**

Brownsville, Tex., May 23.—Colonel Louis Morin, charged with planning a Mexican uprising in Texas and Victoriano Ponce, charged with participating in the wrecking of a train near here last October, were shot to death when they attempted to escape from Texas rangers last night, according to a report received here today.

The shooting took place 75 miles north of here. The rangers were taking the two Mexicans farther inland with a view to further identification in connection with the charges pending against them before placing them in jail, when the escape was attempted, according to the report.

**Bitter Debate of Presbyterians.**

Atlantic City, N. J., May 23.—Hope that the question of Union Seminary and its alleged departure from the tenets of Presbyterianism would be settled at the Presbyterian assembly today without discussion or friction vanished when the committee on bills

## FIELD WIRELESS PLANT DOUBLED

**Station at American Headquarters Can Now Read Naval Messages From Both Coasts Nightly.**

**SIGNAL CHANGES MADE**

**Corps Men Become Experts Along Many Lines and Learn Valuable War Lessons.**

Field Headquarters, Mex., May 16, via Motor Truck to Columbus, N. M., May 23.—The power plant of the field wireless station at this headquarters was doubled today, inaugurating one of the first of the military improvements suggested by the Mexican campaign. The sending of naval wireless messages on both coasts of North America, can be read nightly by the station here, but this station, on account of lack of sufficient power, usually has been unable to send even as far as Columbus at night.

Daylight conditions are better for wireless operations, so that most of the messages here have been handled during the day.

It is said that several changes in the methods of handling the signal business in the field have been worked out during the two months experience in Mexico. Division of labor is one of the suggestions. In the rapid advance on Villa's heels, a single signal company sometimes was strung out over a length of 400 miles, so that each man, instead of doing merely the portion of the work in which he was most expert, became a jack-of-all-trades, from stringing wires over mountains to copying telegraphic or wireless messages. The signal corps men met the emergency well but it was pointed out that for real warfare valuable lessons had been learned.

Washington, May 23.—Outstanding facts in the Mexican situation today were these:

Colonel Sibbey's four cavalry troops which entered Mexico nearly two weeks ago in search of the Glenn Springs and Boquilla bandit raiders, were back at the border without casualties, having penetrated 186 miles into unknown torrid country over bad dusty roads. They rescued two Americans held prisoner by the bandits and brought back five Mexican prisoners.

Marion Letcher, American consul at Chihuahua City, was due to arrive in Washington today with a full report on economic conditions in Northern Mexico to be made to the state department. Officials understand these conditions are bad.

At Mexico City the Carranza government was preparing another note to be dispatched to the United States within a few days.

Officers of the judge advocate general's office were seeking to determine whether 116 members of the Texas National Guard are subject to court martial for refusing to take the mustering oath to enter federal service.

**American Officers Report.**

Marathon, Texas, May 23.—Colonel Sibbey and Major Langhorne, on the American side again after their arduous journey through northern Coahuila in search of bandits are expected to arrive in an automobile at Marathon late tonight or early Wednesday morning to make a detailed report of their operations in Mexico.

Rumors were current here that a bandit band of some 250 was across the river from Lobo, Texas, 26 miles west of Valentine last night. Captain G. A. Weitzorek, base commander at Marathon says he knew nothing of the report.

**MORE DYNAMITE CAPS ARE FOUND**

Seventy-six dynamite caps similar to the one that caused serious injuries to young Armond Bigler, Sunday, were recovered yesterday by Motorcycle Officer Covey through the efforts of Mrs. Anna Van Komen of 836 Twenty-first street. Mrs. Van Komen questioned her son Harry, who was with the Bigler boy and Edward Ryan, when the former was injured, and learned that the three had buried caps in the cellar of the Van Komen home.

Officer Covey was informed and going to the home, unearthed the dangerous explosives.

It was found necessary yesterday to amputate the thumb and two fingers from each of Armond Bigler's hands, but it is thought that the sight of his injured eye will be saved.

Most of us believe in everlasting punishment for your enemies.